

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the application identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

At the outset, it is noted that claims 1 and 7-15 stand allowed in the present application (Official Action at page 1).

Applicants thank Examiner Leader of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for his time and consideration in participating in an interview with Applicants' representative on August 18, 2004. The Interview Summary accurately reflects the substance of the interview.

By the above amendments, claims 2-6, 16, 17 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 3, 4, 6 and 16 being directed to a non-elected invention. New dependent claim 32 depends from allowed claim 1 and is directed to subject matter recited in original claim 5.

In the Official Action, claims 2, 5, 17 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for the reasons discussed at pages 2-8 of the Official Action. Without addressing the propriety of the Examiner's comments regarding such rejections, in an effort to expedite prosecution, claims 2, 5, 17 and 31 have been canceled. Accordingly, withdrawn of such rejections is now in order.

It is respectfully noted that Applicants have not received an Examiner-initialed form PTO-1449 in connection with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed in the Patent Office on July 7, 1994. Attached for the Examiner's convenience are copies of the as-filed IDS and form PTO-1449. Issuance of such Examiner-initialed form PTO-1449 is respectfully requested.

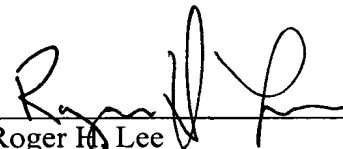
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicants hereby make of record the Japanese Laid/Open Publication documents listed on the attached Information Disclosure Citation form (PTO-1449). Each of the listed documents is discussed in the specification of the subject application.

It is respectfully requested that acknowledgment of this filing be made concurrent with issue of an Official communication in the present application.

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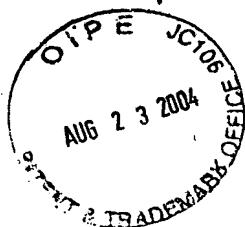
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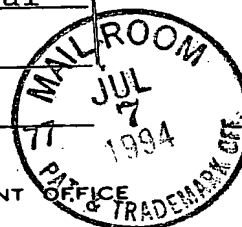
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